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PEACE PARLIAMENTCongress of All Civilized Nations of the
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Boston, May 18.—The establishment of a congress of representatives of all the civilized nations, to assemble at regular intervals to deliberate upon matters of common interest to the nations with the main view of averting appeals to arms, is the aim of a small but enthusiastic coterie of Americans who have long been identified with the universal peace movement.

The subject was discussed today at the annual meeting here of the American Peace Society and committees were appointed to further consider the matter. Today's meeting rounded out the seventy fifth year of the society and the gathering was devoted largely to a review of the work of the organization and the general progress of the cause of international peace during the last three-quarters of a century.

To-night the meeting concluded with a banquet at the Twentieth Century Club, at which some 200 members of the society and their guests were present.

The Price of Ice.

Summer is here and with it the ice season. We wish to tell you that we are still in the business, and ask that we may be allowed to furnish you with ice this season. We hope not one of our patrons has any reason to make a change, as we have always done our best to please every one. We begin today to send out ice made from distilled water, and just here we want to say a few words about our system, and prove by figures its superiority over other systems. All know that in order to have pure water, it must be distilled, which process removes all bacteria germs and foreign mineral matter. The census of 1900 shows that 96.4 per cent of all ice manufactured in the United States was made by the system we use, leaving only 3.6 for all other systems. The average value of all ice made by our system (not cost to make), but value afterward was 26c per ton more than any other ice. Is not this conclusive evidence in favor of our ice. The above facts are taken from "Mechanical Refrigeration and Ice Making," that may be seen at our store by any one who has any doubts on the subject. Again asking you for a continuance of your patronage, we remain yours to please,

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BRYAN SENDS DEFI TO CLEVELAND-
DITES.Through Editor Metcalfe, a Close Friend,
He Asks Questions Whose Answers
Will Decide Attitude of Demo-
cratic Factions.

Omaha, May 17.—William Jennings Bryan has thrown down the gauge of battle to Grover Cleveland. Through Bryan's close friend and political adviser Richard L. Metcalfe, the two-time candidate for President on the Democratic ticket asks Mr. Cleveland and his followers to come out in the open and make known their intentions and explain their convictions.

Mr. Metcalfe is editor of the "World-Herald," over whose destinies Mr. Bryan presided prior to the succession of the present incumbent. The letter is addressed to Norman E. Mack, editor of the Buffalo "Times," and member of the Democratic National Committee from New York, and will be published today.

Mr. Mack, although close to Mr. Bryan during his two campaigns recently wrote and printed in his paper the so-called harmony editorial. He has been asking the Bryan people to take part in a harmony movement, to forget the past and join hands with the Cleveland followers of the future.

Mr. Metcalfe, in his open letter to Mr. Mack, recalls these newspaper utterances, and proceeds to interrogate Mr. Mack. For Mr. Bryan, he says, there is too much talk about the candidate and not enough about the platform. He asks if the Cleveland followers could, for the sake of harmony, support any man for President who heartily subscribed to the Democratic platforms of 1896 and 1900.

"What would you have Democrats do in the construction of their platform in order to avoid incurring the hostility of Mr. Cleveland and his followers? How many of the principles and the policies in which we believe must we surrender in order to avoid incurring this hostility?" he asks, and goes into particulars at great length.

It is expected that Mr. Mack, after conferences with Mr. Cleveland or the former President's political advisers, will make reply to Mr. Metcalfe. That reply may settle the question of harmony or war between the Bryan and the Cleveland wings of the party.

PLATT'S INDIGNANT DENIAL

Denounces one of the Statements of
Tullock as a Lie.

New York, May 18.—Senator Thomas C. Platt today denied the statement made by Seymour W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington postoffice, that ex-Superintendent Beavers of the Salary and Allowance Division of the Postoffice Department had requested a high official to use his influence to get bonding business for a bonding company which Senator Platt's son is interested in, saying that "Senator Platt would greatly appreciate it."

"The statement is an absolute lie, and Tulloch knew it was a lie," said the Senator. "I have no interest, direct or indirect, in any bonding company."

PRISONERS SLEW CAPTAIN OVERTON

Fifty Insurgents Broke from House and
Rushed on Four Americans who had
Failed to Destroy Bolas.

Manila, May 17.—Captain Clough Overton, of the Fifteenth Cavalry, and Private Harry Noyes, who were killed May 15, at Sucatan, Mindanao, met their death at the hands of insurgent prisoners whom they were guarding. Their companion in this duty, Private Hartlow, was wounded at the same time.

Captain Overton's troops of the Fifteenth had been scouting in the department of Misamis, Mindanao, on the trail of the insurgent leader, Flores. The cavalrymen captured fifty Flores' followers and confined them in a house at Sucatan. Captain and three men remained to guard the prisoners while Lieutenant Cameron continued in pursuit of Flores.

The prisoners suddenly broke out of the house where they were confined, secured their bolos and rushed the four Americans on guard.

Captain Overton was slashed with a bolo and bled to death. After escaping the insurgents gathered and renewed the attack on the Americans. The cavalryman who was not wounded repulsed the enemy and defended his dead and wounded companions until the return of Lieutenant Cameron. Captain Overton is criticised for having kept only three to guard fifty and for having neglected to destroy the insurgents' bolos.

Flores is a Visayan, and the majority of his followers are Paganos living in the Misamis Mountains. No Moros were concerned in the affair.

Protracted Meeting.

In the Presbyterian church, on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, a protracted meeting will begin and continue through the entire week. There will be preaching each morning and night. For the convenience of housekeepers, business men, and others, the morning services during the week days will be held at 10 o'clock. The pastor is to be assisted by Rev. R. R. Houston, of Botetourt county. All persons are cordially invited to all these services.

Closing Exercises of Tazewell High School.

On Tuesday night the 19th inst, the closing exercises of Tazewell High School began. The Grammar School Department gave an entertainment in the hall of the High School, which consisted of three drills and music. The hall was packed with a large audience that enjoyed the entertainment very much. The drills were well executed and the little girls who furnished the music did nicely.

Last night the Music Department rendered a musical programme, consisting of instrumental selections and an operetta. Another large audience was present and heartily enjoyed the entertainment, the performers all rendering their parts well. Tonight Dr. W. S. Currell, who occupies the Chair of English at Washington-Lee University, will deliver the annual Literary Address, and the members of the Senior Class will be given their diplomas.

REPORT NO PROGRESS.

Treaty Commission in China Comes to
Stopping Point.

Washington, May 18.—No progress is reported from the United States Treaty Commission in China, and the exact nature of the obstacle to the consummation of the trade treaty is not known.

The Chinese commissioners make one statement in the matter; the Russian government makes another in conflict, and the commissioners do not know which to believe. It is probable that the State Department may feel it necessary to cause the Chinese government to give more definite instructions to its commissioners.

Peking, May 18.—China, in reply to further representations of the United States and Japanese ministers, has again pointed out the impossibility of including in the commercial treaties the opening of trade of Manchurian towns, on account of Russian opposition. The American minister proposes that China open Mukden, Harbin and a small port at the mouth of Yalu river.

C. C. Baldwin of New York, a representative of the Southern cotton mills, who has investigated the trade conditions in Manchuria, reports that the American cotton trade was increasing enormously until recently, when the Russians began to exert pressure upon the Chinese, amounting to coercion, for second orders for Russian firms amounting to 800,000 bales of goods which otherwise would have gone to America.

Mr. Baldwin says the foreign firms complain bitterly of the difficulty in conducting business under the Russian administration, and he believes that unless Russian absorption of Manchuria is checked, the United States will be deprived of a most promising market for cottons within a few years.

Washington, May, 18.—The State Department has been fully aware of the obstacles which the Shanghai treaty commissioners are meeting with the Chinese in the effort to include in the commercial treaties the opening of trade of Manchurian towns. The Chinese, as stated in the Peking dispatch, point out the impossibility of this on account of Russian opposition. The accuracy of this statement, however, is denied by the Russians themselves.

M. Paul De Lessar, the Russian minister to Peking, who has been absent from his post of duty for some time, is now returning to Peking. His arrival there is awaited with some interest, for it is expected that he will be able to speak authoritatively on the subject of Russia's position and thus clarify the situation considerably.

Meanwhile, the United States, anxious to secure additional port facilities for American trade interests in Manchuria, will continue to exert its efforts to bring about that result.

Notice.

"We have a large number of choice Wythe county farms for sale. Send for the new edition of our real estate bulletin descriptive of these properties."
"Southwestern Virginia Land Agency,"
Wytheville, Va.

FIRE AT MAX MEADOWS.

Fourteen Buildings go up in Smoke—
Started in Stable.

Wytheville, Va., May 19.—The town of Max Meadows suffered the worst fire in its history this afternoon, when fourteen buildings, including some of the best business houses and residences went up in smoke. The fire originated in a stable, and is believed to have been caused by someone smoking. The flames quickly spread to Heuser's drug store and the building and stock were quickly consumed. As were also the former office building of the Max Meadows Land Company, the Odd Fellows hall, the H. J. Shaffer store building and the handsome home of Mrs. Bridges. Besides the above named, which are the principal losers, eight other buildings were reduced to ashes in quick order. The loss, while not given, will be heavy. Fortunately the buildings burned were pretty well insured.

Pulaski, Va., May 19.—The loss by fire at Max Meadows, will probably reach a total of \$40,000 or \$50,000. The property was well insured. The town was at great disadvantage at the time of the fire, owing to the fact that there was a break in the waterworks plant and the only means of fighting the flames was by bucket brigades.

Dreadful Shotgun Wound.

On Tuesday morning at about 10 o'clock Crockett Kinzer, who lives on the head of Dry Fork, was accidentally shot with a shotgun and a very dangerous wound inflicted. He was standing on a porch with the gun in his hand and undertook to put the breech on the floor, when the gun slipped and the hammer came in contact with the edge of the porch, causing it to discharge. The load entered his left shoulder and tore away part of the arm bones and shoulder blade.

Dr. C. W. Greener was called to see the wounded man, and at first was hopeful that his arm could be saved, but upon a more careful examination found it would have to be amputated. He called in Drs. J. H. Crockett and J. R. Johnson, and yesterday morning they amputated the arm, taking it out at the shoulder socket. Mr. Kinzer is twenty-five years old and a good citizen. His condition is very critical, but his friends hope he will recover.

Double Wedding.

On yesterday, the 20th inst., at 11:30 a. m., a double wedding took place at the Ratliff Hotel. The contracting parties were Andrew M. Belcher and Miss Nannie Tabor, Walter F. Thompson and Miss Harrietta Tabor. The brides are sisters and the daughters of Thomas Tabor, Esq., a prominent farmer at Fall's Mill, in this county.

The parties came to Tazewell on the 9 o'clock train accompanied by Rev. R. A. Staley, of Graham, who performed both the ceremonies. The bridal party left on the 2 o'clock train for Falls Mill.

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